GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL DEDICATED FREIGHT RAIL CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal for National Dedicated Freight Rail Corridor under the National Maritime Policy;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any decision has been taken in regard to construction & operation of the corridor by Private Operators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds likely to be allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Setting up of National Dedicated Freight Rail Corridor from Northern Indian hinterland to Southern India which would be linked with the various ports is envisaged in the draft policy for the Maritime Sector (Ports, Merchant Shipping and Inland Water Transport). The draft policy further envisages that the corridor would be operated in the private sector and would have its own rolling stock, locomotives, signaling system, stations etc. but will follow the standards laid down by the Railways.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. The policy is at draft stage and would need the approval of the competent authority before the corridor is operationalised.